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SUBJ: SITUATION IN EASTERN COMMAND

1. MIDDLE GRADE OFFICER ATTACHED TO EASTERN COMMAND
MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS TO CONGEN
OFFICER AT SOCIAL FUNCTION RECENTLY.

2. ALL IS QUIET IN EASTERN COMMAND WITH TRAINING AS
USUAL, SO QUIET THAT THE ONLY THING INTERESTING
HAPPENING THESE DAYS IS COMMAND'S BOXING TOURNAMENT,
TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 29 AT FORT WILLIAM.

3. GENERAL J.F.R. JACOB, GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING-
IN-CHIEF, EASTERN COMMAND, HAS BEEN ADVISED, THAT HE
WILL BE RETIRED UPON COMPLETION OF HIS REGULAR TOUR
OF ASSIGNMENT IN 1977. ALL ARE AWARE THAT GENERAL
JACOB IS A COMPETENT OFFICER BUT THE FACT, THE SOURCE
SAID, THAT HE IS JEWISH LIMITS HIS CHANCE OF PROMOTION
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TO CHIEF OF STAFF BECAUSE OF NEW DELHI'S EFFORTS TO

APPEASE THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

4. ALL GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS, SOURCE WENT ON, ARE BEING DECIDED NOT RPT NOT SOLELY ON PROFESSIONAL ABILITY BUT PRIMARILY ON LOYALTY TO MRS. GANDHI. FOR THIS REASON MANY OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL RAINA, WILL BE KEPT ON AFTER HIS RETIREMENT DATE. SOURCE NOTED THAT IF RAINA WAIVERS IN HIS LOYALTY HE WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RELIEVED. SOURCE HAD NO IDEA WHO MIGHT EVENTUALLY REPLACE RAINA. SIGNED KORN
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